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Re: Docket No. 2008-0083 - Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for Approval of
Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules

Dear Parties:

For your information and review, enclosed please find copies of public comments and
correspondence received by the commission in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kaiulani Kidani Shinsato".

Kaiulani Kidani Shinsato
Commission Counsel

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Enclosures

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"ROB SUTHERLAND"
<pooldeck@msn.com>
10/27/2008 11:33 PM

To <Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov>
cc
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Subject HECO RATE REQUEST

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

AFTER RECEIVING A 30% RATE HIKE, HECO NEEDS TO LEARN TO LIVE WITHIN THEIR MEANS FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME. I'M FROM ARIZONA AND THE UTILITIES ARE LUCKY TO GET AN 8% INCREASE OVER SEVERAL YEARS (2 TO 5). GIVING THEM AN INCREASE OF 30% IS CRIMINAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII AND ANY FURTHER INCREASE AT THIS TIME WOULD BE IMMORAL.

RON SUTHERLAND
1088 BISHOP STREET



Karen Kay Loui <karenloui@yahoo.com>

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Subject HECO Rate Increase

I recently read my HECO bill insert notifying customers that they will be requesting a rate increase next year. PLEASE, PLEASE, DO NOT APPROVE THIS REQUEST!!

HECO has had our state in a chokehold for years. We would have made substantial inroads toward the development of alternative energy if HECO had not been allowed to drag its feet for over 20 years. No one has stopped their attempts to halt any alternative energy research and/or development.

The price for a barrel of oil has dropped from \$136/barrel at its peak to under \$100/barrel, yet HECO's fuel surcharge keeps going up and up and up! It is absolutely outrageous that they continue to gouge the residents of Hawaii.

THE PUC HAS THE POWER TO STOP THEM!!! REJECT THE REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASES.

Thank You, K. K. Loui -- Pearl City, Hawaii



Samantha Wright <samjdwrights@yahoo.com>

10/17/2008 12:59 PM

Please respond to
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Subject The electric increase.

To Whom it May Concern:

Hi, my name is Samantha Wright and I understand that HECO wants to increase our cost next year. Although I know the hearing is over, I would like to express my concern anyway. With the economy the way it is, we are not making anymore money, if fact we are making less. The cost of things just keep going up, up and up. Our pay checks do not go along the way. Our money is stretched even further. I would hope that the PUC would not increase our electric bill any further. I do understand what the increase's are for. But, if we could wait a little more time, so our budgets can catch up with the rising cost of everything. My bill has already gone from \$54.00 to \$117.00, just this year alone. And I have no air conditioner, no dishwasher, no washer or dryer. It is only myself and my 88 year old Mother. All the electricity we use is for everyday life, no frills. I have changed all my light bulbs to the energy saving ones, and that is about all I can do to help save on the electric bill. I rent, so if the fridge is old, I can not buy one. Besides I couldn't afford to buy one at this time. My hours have been cut at work, and I am just making it. So please do not raise the cost of electricity next year.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Samantha Wright



"Jeff Yuh"
<notionsip@hawaiiantel.net>

10/14/2008 01:33 PM

Please respond to
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Subject docket 2008-0083

P.U.C.:

Just a concerned citizen of the state wondering how HECO can keep raising the fuel adjustment rate when the cost of crude oil has been on the decline.

The fuel adjustment fees are about 42% of our bills; our usage is declining but the bills are getting larger??!!

How is this being controlled/approved at the PUC level?

Jeff Yuh